

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

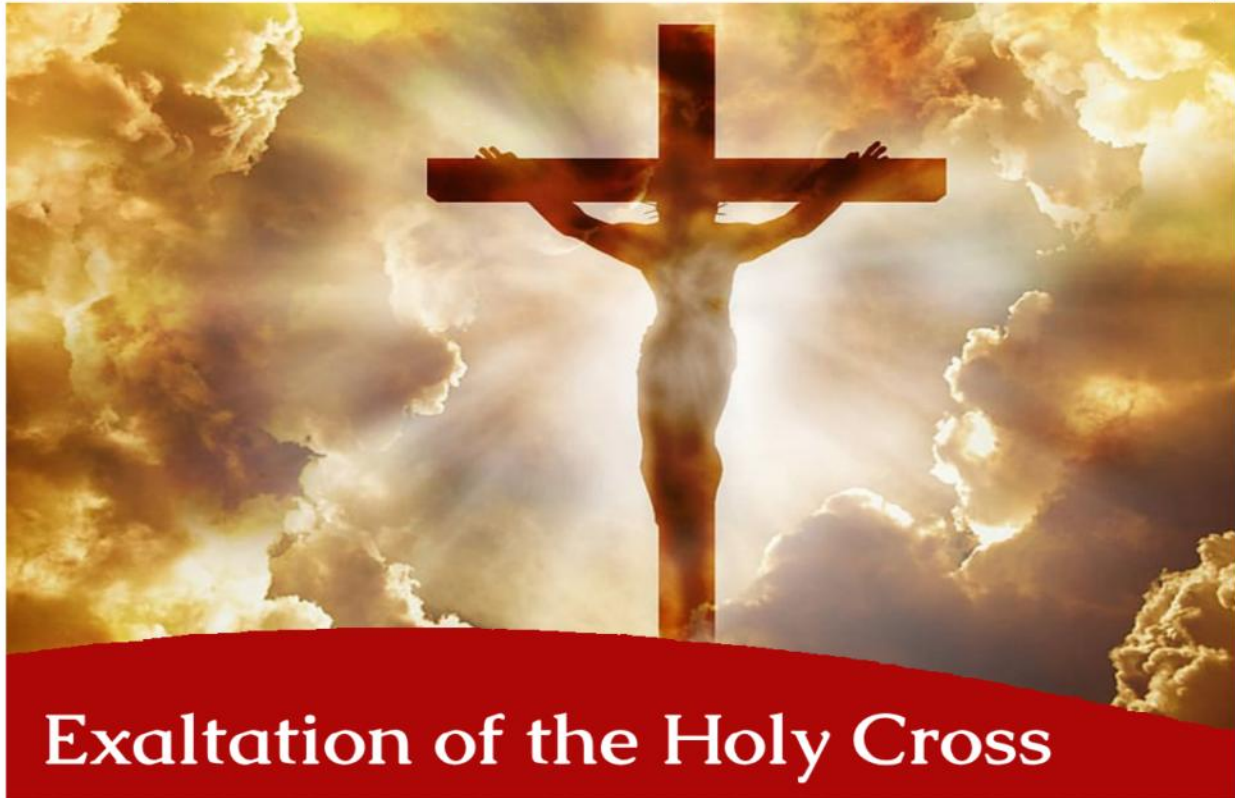
An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

September 14, 2025

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



For God so loved the world that he gave* his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Patrick Church

Tues. - Sat. 7:30 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

St. Michael Mission

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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Office Hours

Monday - Closed
Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Gregory Adolf, Canonical Pastor
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Deacon Joe Delgado
Deacon Bill Lugo

Parish Corporation Board of Directors

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Rev. Edward Lucero
Rev. Gregory Adolf
Ruth Dugie / Mary Gomez

REMEMBER ST. PATRICK PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Weekend Mass Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

St. Patrick Church - Bisbee

- 5:00pm Saturday Evening Vigil

St. Patrick Church - Bisbee

- 9:00am Sunday Morning

St. Michael Mission - Naco

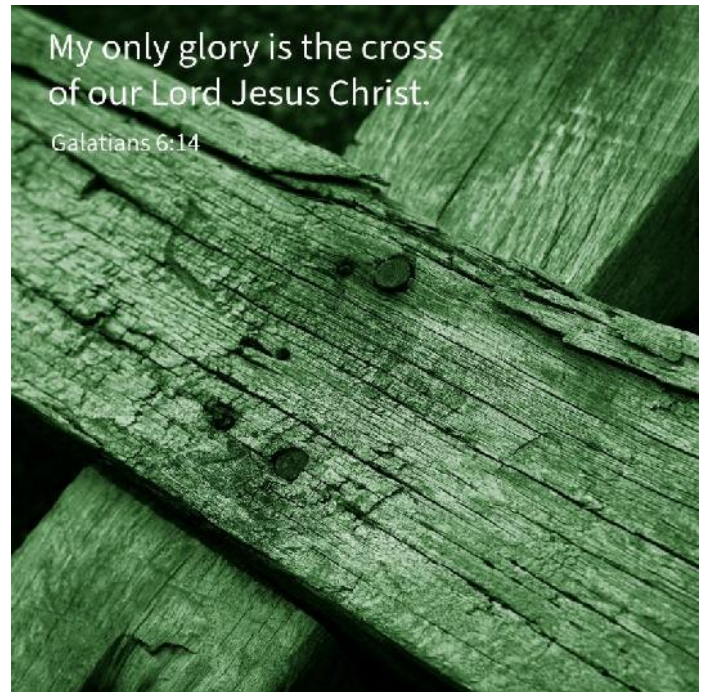
- 11:00am Sunday Morning

Weekday Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

7:30am Tuesday – Saturday

(St Patrick Church)



MASS INTENTIONS

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Saturday Vigil 13SEP25

5:00pm Mass

+Charlie & +Dolly O'Malley

+Librada, +Yolanda, +Arturo,
+Manuel Vargas

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Sunday 14SEP25

9:00am Mass

+Jonathan Hallsted

+Frank Moreno

Int of Bick Family

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Bert Whitehead Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 15SEP25

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 16SEP25

+Kirin Countryman

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Wednesday 17SEP25

+Chico Acuna

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Thursday 18SEP25

Int of Gonzales Family

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Friday 19SEP25

Int of Demecio Sierra

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Saturday 20SEP25

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

MASS INTENTIONS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 20SEP25

5:00pm Mass

+Christopher Miller

Sunday 21SEP25

9:00am Mass

+Dora Casillas Adams

+Rita Hernandez

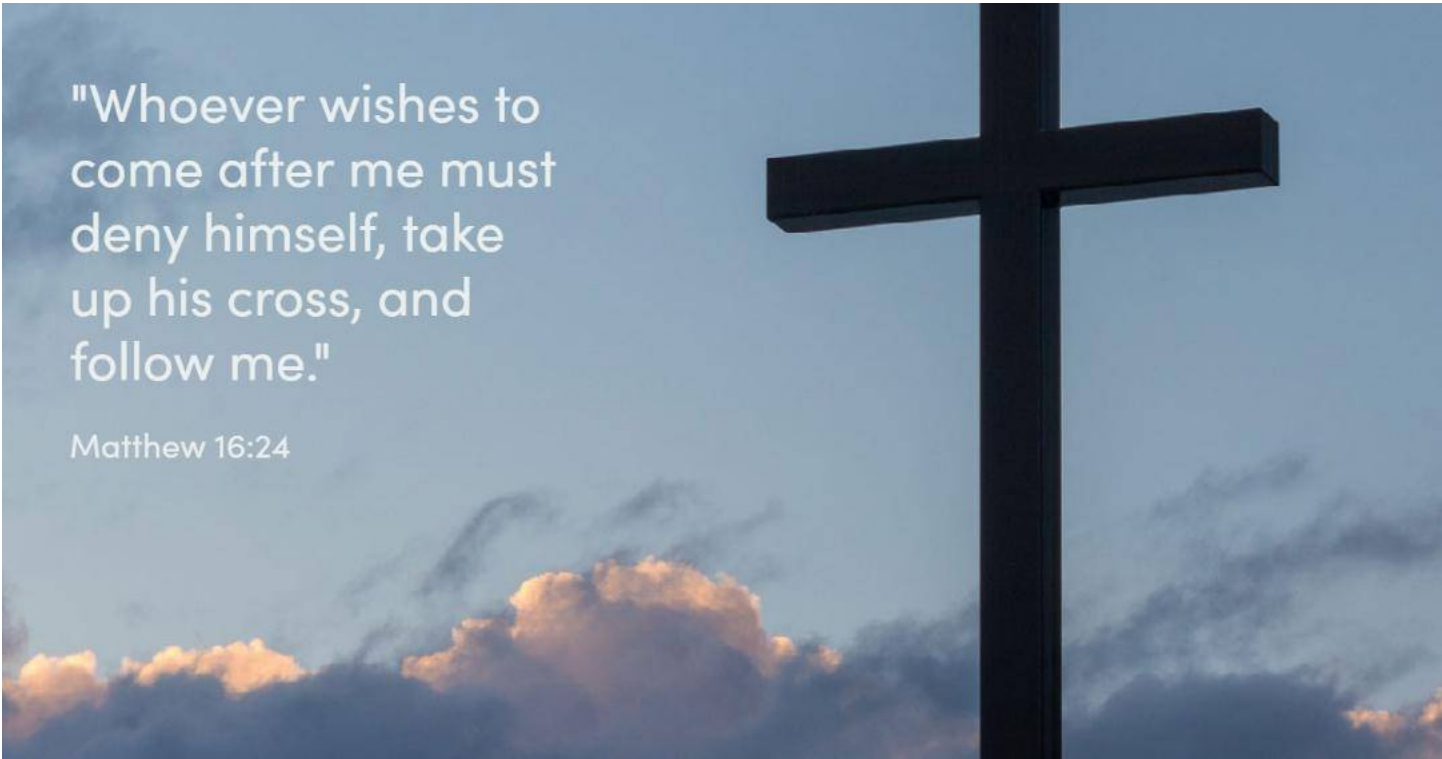
St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.*



"Whoever wishes to
come after me must
deny himself, take
up his cross, and
follow me."

Matthew 16:24

September 14, 2025

Since the seventh century CE, Christians have celebrated a feast on this date to commemorate the cross that Jesus made holy by his exaltation. Before his crucifixion, a cross would have been the most unlikely of religious symbols. But Jesus transformed the cross from an object of torture and humiliation to one of triumph and salvation. In this feast's first reading, God directs Moses to mount a bronze serpent on a pole and lift it up so that all those who had been punished with lethal snakebites could look up at it and live. Jesus recalls this event when he tells Nicodemus that he too would be lifted up and that those who look to him would have eternal life. Note that the bronze serpent did not prevent venomous snakebites to begin with, but it restored life to those who had been bitten. We still suffer when we carry our crosses, but Jesus brings new life to those who look to him on the cross, willingly embrace their own cross, and place their faith in God's plan of salvation.

When do you look to Jesus' acceptance of his cross as an example of how you should do the same?

September 14, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Num 21:4b-9 | Phil 2:6-11 | Jn 3:13-17

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Although God had freed our ancestors in faith from their slavery in Egypt, today we find them grumbling against the Lord as they wander in the desert. Even after we've glimpsed so much of God's goodness, we, too, can begin to grumble in challenging moments of our lives. It's precisely then that we need to cling to faith. After serpents appeared and began to bite those who had grumbled against God, those who had been bitten only had to look at the serpent mounted on a pole and put their faith in God once again to be healed. Similarly, when we find ourselves in the trials of life, we need only look at the cross of Jesus with faith. "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Amid the storms of our lives, we are called to put our trust in his cross, for through it we are saved and set free.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Paul tells us that God the Father "greatly exalted" Jesus for his humility in embracing the cross, and that ultimately, all creation will join the Father in glorifying Christ. We who know the gift of what Jesus did for us on the cross are called to praise him with our voices and our lives. We praise and glorify Christ first through our example. How might our day-to-day interactions give others a glimpse of the humble and self-emptying love of Jesus? Finally, think of the ways that knowing Christ's love has made a difference in your life. Has it made you more patient? Has it made you more hopeful? Think of ways that you could share this in conversation. Telling others about what God has done for you or the difference that he has made in your life is one way of exalting Christ.

PRAISE

Today, spend some time thanking and praising God for the gift of the cross and our salvation in Christ. You might wish to use this traditional prayer frequently used during the stations of the cross in Lent: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."



Lectio Divina for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Meditation (*Meditatio*)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (*Oratio*)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.



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Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. How do I lift up my faith in Jesus through my words and actions? When have I shared my faith with someone?

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. When have I felt God's love most strongly? How do I respond to God's gift of saving love?

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. What can I do to make the world (or my piece of it) a more just and peace-filled place? How can I be a source of unity rather than division?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

Hearken, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable,
I will utter mysteries from of old.

While he slew them they sought him
and inquired after God again,
Remembering that God was their rock
and the Most High God, their redeemer.

But they flattered him with their mouths
and lied to him with their tongues,
Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him,
nor were they faithful to his covenant.

But he, being merciful, forgave their sin
and destroyed them not;
Often he turned back his anger
and let none of his wrath be roused.
(From Psalm 78)

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Examine your conscience in light of the Church's social teaching and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

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Lead / Follow

Harriet Tubman was a brave woman who escaped slavery during the Civil War. Despite a huge reward for her capture, she returned to the slave-holding states over nineteen times to lead hundreds of African-Americans out of slavery's clutches into territory where they could live with liberty.

Harriet Tubman was a Christian and she became a great warrior in the battle to dismantle the cruel institution of slavery.

When asked about the source of her fearless strength, she would always say: "It wasn't me, it was the Lord. I always told him, 'I trust you. I don't know where to go or what to do, but I expect you to lead me.' And he always did."

Harriet Tubman, the Black Moses, was never captured, and there are countless stories like these, and new stories are being told daily. They are the stories of Christian people like you and me who learn to lead because we keep rediscovering what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

He Took Our Place



Just suppose you were to stand on a stage while a film of every secret and selfish second of your life was projected on the screen behind you? Wouldn't you shout to the heavens to have mercy?

Imagine what Jesus felt on the cross! Scripture says "He personally carried all our sins in his body." (1 Peter 2:24). See Jesus on the cross? That's a gossip hanging there. See Jesus? Embezzler. Liar. See the crucified carpenter? He's an addict and murderer.

Hold it, sir. Don't you lump Jesus with those evildoers. I didn't. HE did. More than place his name in the same sentence, he placed himself in their place. With hands nailed open, he invited God, "Treat me as you would treat them!" And God did.

"My God, my God, why did you abandon me?" (Matthew 27:46).

Why did Christ scream those words? So that you and I will never have to.



A Place of Life and Love

The cross is a chair at a Life Care facility where a daughter speaks lovingly to her dad who is recovering from a stroke, lifting spirits, offering encouragement, realizing hope and not misery is the future.

The cross is a kitchen counter where a grandmother bakes cookies and rice crispy treats with her grandchildren, building memories and strengthening the bonds of family and love.

The cross is a gift Shoppe at a hospital where volunteers help family members weighed down with worry and concern brighten their day with thoughtfulness and gift.

The cross is a business where a new employee with disabilities is given a chance to work and grow self-esteem and confidence in self.

The cross is a recovery program for people challenged by addiction and alcohol abuse yet seeking sobriety and a chance to live free from these debilitating diseases.

The cross is a teacher willing to stay after normal class hours to offer tutoring to a struggling student who is scared and depressed and sees him/herself as a failure.

The cross is a church hall where volunteers distribute free food and clothing to those living in poverty.

The cross is a chapel where a CCD teacher meets her students who are not sure who or what they are seeking opens books and hearts to an encounter with Jesus.

The cross is a church office where staff assists immigrants with their needs. Providing a place of safety and welcome where Jesus commandment of Love reigns.

The cross is a desk at work, where a coworker senses that his cube mate might need a friend to simply listen to the relationship struggles that tear at his/her heart.

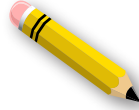
The cross is a cell phone where a tender ear patiently listens to a panic conversation from a friend overwhelmed with grief at the death of their loved one.

The cross is indeed a place of Life and Love.

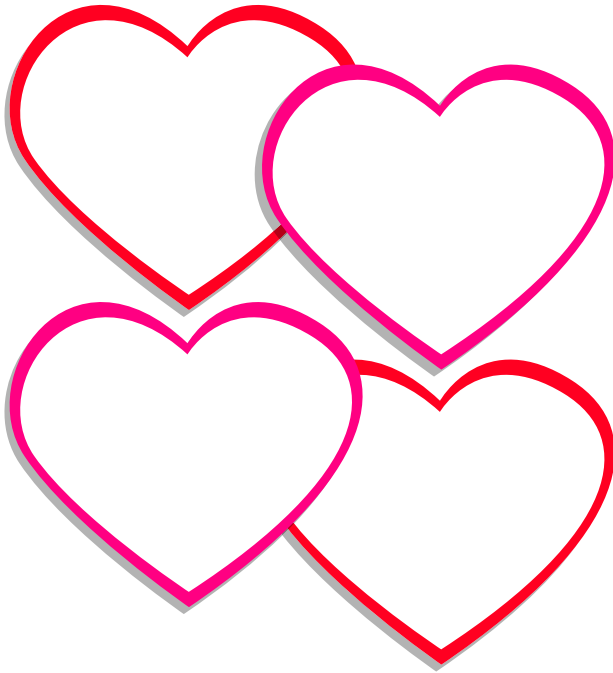
The Son of Man must be lifted up

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

God loves us so much he sent Jesus to help us and save us.
What are some things you can do to help those who you love?



Fill in the missing words and pictures.



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

***“God did not send the Son to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.”***

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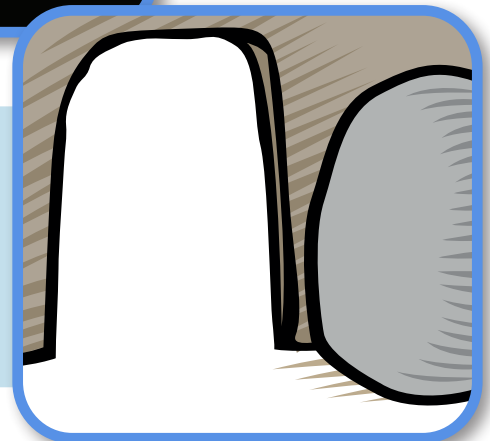
God sent his
only _ _ _
to save us.



Jesus taught
many people
about God.
(draw Jesus)



Jesus was
sentenced to
death and nailed
to a _____.



Jesus died
but rose again
(draw the
risen Jesus)

CATHOLIC QUIZ

14 September 2025

This week's Question: "What are the 'Fifteen Marks of the True Church'?"

The answer to last week's Question: "What is the 'Nave' of a church?"

It is a church's central and primary architectural feature, the 'body of the church' extending from the entrance to the sanctuary. The word nave comes from the Latin: navis: meaning 'ship', so called because of its resemblance to ships of the era. Because we are called by the Lord to be "fishers of men [and women]", the symbolism of the church building as a fishing boat is important. Some of the early Church Fathers also likened the church building to Noah's Ark, floating above the corruption and darkness of this world! Some would see the rows of pews as 'rowers' benches" – all pulling together in the service of the Lord!

SOUL FOOD

14 September 2025

"Our pilgrimage of faith has been inseparably linked to Mary ever since JESUS, dying on the Cross, gave her to us as our Mother, saying: 'Behold your Mother!' These words serve as a testament, bequeathing to the world a Mother. From that moment on, the Mother of God became our Mother. When the faith of the disciples was most tested by difficulties and uncertainties, JESUS entrusted them to Mary, who was the first to believe and whose faith would never fail. The "Woman" of John's Gospel became our Mother when she lost her divine Son. Her sorrowing heart was enlarged to make room for all men and women – ALL – whether good or bad, she loves us all, as she loved JESUS."

- Pope Francis (1936 - 2025)

Supporting those in need is key to living a good Christian life. Not just to those within our reach, but outside of our circle as well. On September 14, our Good Shepherds will host an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast to raise funds for the Bisbee Coalition for the Homeless. By participating, you will enjoy a delicious meal and support those during their time of need. Your generosity and support are vital in making a positive impact and demonstrating the values of love and service to our community and neighbors. We hope you will join us!

Can't make it that day? You can still help! Advance tickets may be purchased at the gift shop and gifted to someone. They can enjoy breakfast on you!!



Coffee and donuts with the Knights!

Sunday, September 21

after 9:00 a.m. Mass

See you there!



HOORAY !!



EXTRA SHOPPING
HOURS THIS SUNDAY!

THIS SUNDAY, 9/14, THE GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 A.M. - 12:00 NOON
WHILE THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS IN PROGRESS.

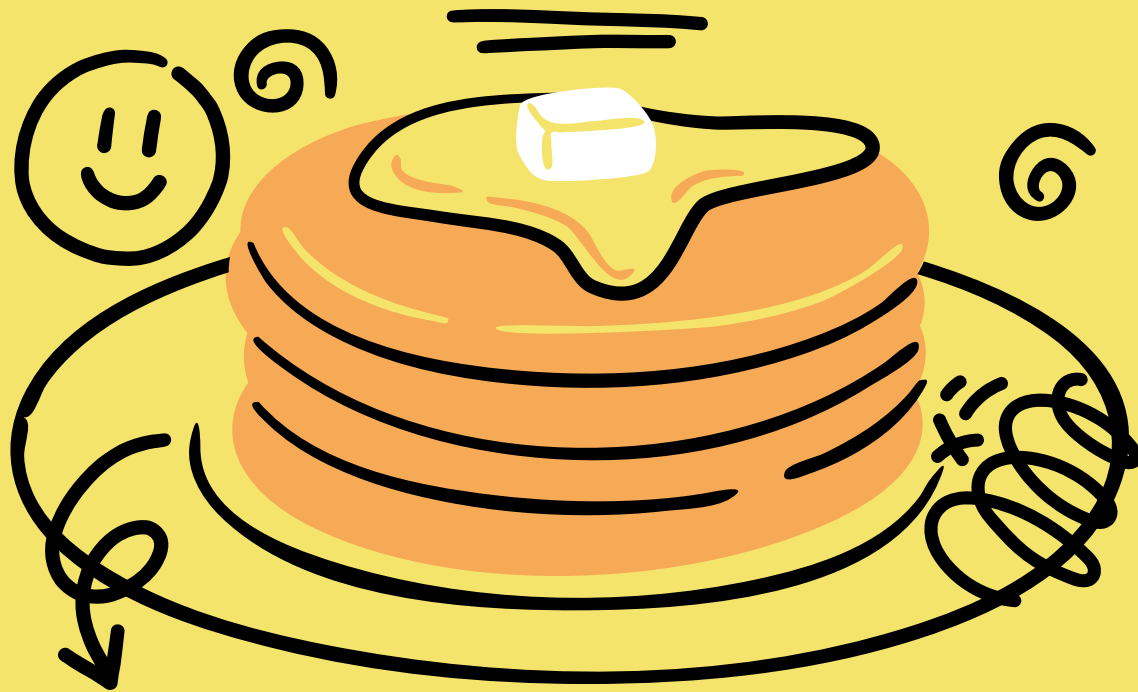
DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE EXTRA SHOPPING TIME!

NORMAL GIFT SHOP HOURS

Mondays -- GIFT SHOP IS CLOSED
Tuesday thru Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Open for after-Mass shopping immediately after weekend masses

PANCAKE DAY



HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THE
BISBEE COALITION
FOR THE HOMELESS

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

8AM - 12PM

ST. PATRICK CHURCH HALL
100 QUALITY HILL - BISBEE

\$10

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**PLATE INCLUDES EGGS, SAUSAGE,**  
**AND ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES**  
**(ADDITIONAL SAUSAGE & EGGS**  
**AVAILABLE FOR ADDED CHARGE)**

**WEEK OF SEPT. 8-12:**



**Catholic Schools' Second Collection September 27-28!** Please consider a donation to this most important ministry of the Church – forming the mind and soul of the children we serve!



# Parish Financial Report



## Last Sunday's Collection

### St. Patrick Church

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Envelopes/Loose: | \$2195        |
| Online Giving    | \$2022        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$4217</b> |

### St. Michael Mission

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Envelopes/Loose: | \$100        |
| Online Giving    | \$25         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$125</b> |

## YTD Weekly Collections

(Comparison to last year)

St. Patrick Offertory: Up \$12,249  
St. Michael Offertory: Down \$45

## June Report

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Income:            | \$25,002        |
| Expenses:          | \$48,080        |
| <b>In the RED:</b> | <b>\$23,079</b> |

## YTD July 2024 to June 2025

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Income:              | \$367,773       |
| Expenses:            | \$309,599       |
| <b>Balance:</b>      | <b>\$58,174</b> |
| <b>Other Revenue</b> | <b>\$11,825</b> |
| <b>Project Exp</b>   | <b>\$89,643</b> |
| <b>In the RED</b>    | <b>\$19,644</b> |

## Use Online Giving

[www.stpatsbisbee.com](http://www.stpatsbisbee.com)

Use "Give Now" link

THANK YOU!



# **Help Support**

**St. Patrick Parish and it's ministries.**

**Please share this QR Code with a family member or friend.**

**Their support matters and strengthens the good our parish lives for EVERYONE in our Bisbee / Naco community.**



**Scan this QR Code with your cell phone  
and make your donation today.**

**Simple, Quick, Easy, and APPRECIATED!**



*Remember...*  
*St. Patrick Church & St. Michael Mission*  
*in your Will*

Today, the Parish faces a shifting landscape. Changing demographics and cultural attitudes challenge full engagement, while economic pressures make sustaining ministry more difficult.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you help ensure that the Church's mission and pastoral outreach that have been important to you and so many others will continue for today's needs and those in the future.

Please, consider leaving a planned gift that demonstrates your faith and inspires future generations to carry on Christ's work. With your help, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Faith Community for many years to come.

God bless you for your prayerful consideration.  
*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another  
as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
(1 Peter 4:10)*





**SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

# **Report Abuse**

** Call 911 – Tell the Police!**

## **Our Call to Protect**

**We all have a duty to protect the vulnerable.**

All volunteers, employees, clergy (priests and deacons) who serve in any parish ministry, group, club, or liturgy will only do so AFTER they have been processed through our Diocesan / St. Patrick Parish Safe Environment Program, received a High-Level Clearance, and completed Safe Environment training.

**Parish Compliance**

**Representative**

**Deacon Tony Underwood**

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# Thinking about a Vocation?

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## Diocese of Tucson Vocations Prayer

Loving and generous God, we need more vocations to the priesthood.

Send us faith-filled servants to minister as dedicated and loving priests in the Diocese of Tucson. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit so that we will encourage and foster a culture of vocations in which many will hear your call to serve your people. Bless our Diocese with men and women who will work together with your priests as deacons, religious, and lay ministers to bring to life the Gospel and to realize the Church's mission in our Diocese.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.